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Military linguists converge on DLIFLC for Worldwide Language Olympics

Presidio Portrait

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After returning to civilian life, Payne graduated from Cabrillo College in 1970. In 1972 he graduated with honors in anthropology from the University of California Santa Cruz. He earned his master's in history at San Jose State University in 1977. His master's thesis, *A Howling Wilderness: A History of the Summit Road Area of the Santa Cruz Mountains, 1850-1906*, was published in 1978 and is still in print. He began teaching at San Jose State



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Commander's Notes

Teamwork results in high foreign language proficiency test scores for DLIFLC students

During an interview with a visiting foreign journalist a few months ago, I placed before him a compilation of recent foreign language proficiency test scores of Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center graduates.

Clearly, he was impressed. He said the scores in listening, speaking and reading were notably higher than he would expect for students who undergo foreign language training in his country's armed forces.

He then offered an interesting observation.

"It's because you Americans are so competitive," he said. "I imagine your students compete against each other in the classroom and that's why their test scores are so high."

I had to explain that in fact the very opposite is true. As in many other endeavors, it's teamwork that produces the most successful students at DLIFLC.

From my experience, from the days when I was a student here myself, I can cite three conditions upon which optimum success in the DLIFLC classroom is based.

One of these is lively and spirited cooperation — not competition — among all the students in a class. Our best graduates come from classes in which all members look out for each other.

These are classes in which all students are determined that no classmate will fail. The student who has to play catch-up because he or she has missed out on a lesson gets the necessary coaching from caring classmates. Conversely, on those days when only a few students in the class fully understand a lesson, those few get together with classmates on their own time to ensure that everyone in the class is brought up to speed.

Another element for optimum success in the DLIFLC classroom is teamwork on the part of instructors. The best DLIFLC instructors work cooperatively with other members of their teaching teams and with military language instructors. Their cooperativeness extends also to



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students. There's a synergy that is released in a classroom when instructors and students work together for the success of all.

A third element for optimum success in the DLIFLC classroom has to do with each student's attitude about standing out as leader of his or her class. I believe each student at DLIFLC should strive for his or her personal best, but never at the expense of classmates.

I know of classes in which serious rivalries for academic honors were allowed to develop among a few students. In all cases, teamwork suffered. Proficiency scores of graduates of these classes were lower across the board than for graduates in other classes.

Interestingly, the proficiency scores of the top students in these classes were also lower than the scores of top students in the other classes. Cooperation and teamwork are the keys to success.



Language Olympics brings out best in linguists

Story and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen

The Winter Olympics at Nagano, Japan, may have ended in late February for thousands of athletes from around the globe. However, for Department of Defense linguists, Olympics of the mind are held annually in much warmer temperatures on the Monterey Peninsula.

The 1998 Worldwide Language Olympics Resident games were held May 4-8 at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center while the Video TeleTraining games took place April 20-30.

Around 320 individuals comprising 154 teams participated in Arabic, Chinese-Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, Russian and Persian-Farsi languages. Competition was held at various locations around the Institute in "What's My Job?," "Jeopardy," "Handcopy," "Get the Point" and "Parcourse." Participants came from Korea, Japan, Alaska and Hawaii to compete on two-person teams.

When the resident games competition ended, On-Site Inspection Agency from Washington, D.C., stood tall as the overall team champions with a final accumulated score of 794.724. Taking second place hot on the heels of the champions were Bravo Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga., with a score of 777.688. Coming in third was On-Site Inspection Agency team 1 from Hill ANG, Utah. Their score was 403.751. In the VTT games, Team Goodfellow came in first followed by the Joint Language Center, Fort Meade, Md. Third place honors went to Bravo Company, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

"We actually had 308 participants, but it was around 320 counting the team captains," said Air Force Master Sgt. Lisa Meyer of the 311th Training Squadron. Meyer, an Arabic linguist and chief, Academic Training Branch, was the Language Olympics coordinator. The 311th was the sponsoring service of this year's games. "As for the VTT games, we had three times the participation from last year's competition with 46 teams and 92 competitors," she said.

"The VTT games were hectic but ran good," said Tech. Sgt. Sonia Stewart of the

311th, who coordinated this part of the competition.

"Sergeant Stewart did a very nice job as VTT coordinator," said Marine Corps Capt. Clint Nussberger, executive officer of the Marine Corps Detachment who additionally works at Operations, Plans and Programs. Nussberger was a jack of all trades helping out wherever possible during the games, according to Meyer.

During a simulcast May 1, Col. Daniel Devlin, commandant of DLIFLC and commander of DLIFLC and the Presidio of Monterey, talked with participants of the VTT Worldwide Language Olympics competition during their ceremonies presentation.

Meyer, a native of Miami, Fla., and veteran of 19 years of military service, said the Worldwide Language Olympics competition assists language enhancement programs by challenging linguists' proficiency while providing language sustainment. "That is the main objective of both the resident and VTT games," she said. "I think the level of competition was much harder than ever before due to the emphasis placed on the final learning objectives. Lieutenant Colonel Roderic Gale tasked us with making sure that emphasis happened. There were some very smart and tough competitors here, no doubt."

Meyer was notified that she would be coordinating the games in June of 1997 and began the daunting task in August '97. "I basically lived at the Weckerling Center the week of the resident games," she said. "I've been breathing and living the Worldwide Language Olympics for the last three months for the most part — things like countless messages to and from interested units and follow-up phone calls; and working on the upgrade of materials such as the Gateway Destination system for posting the scores on monitors in the Weckerling Center. Another thing I was

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Russian students compete in the Worldwide Language Olympics version of "Jeopardy."

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very happy with was the formal medals presentations at noon on three days of the competition – we started that based on last year's coordinator recommendations. The modifications to 'Parcourse' which used to be 'Verbal Relay,' made that competition much more job-skill oriented versus displaying excellent linguistic ability. I think that 'Parcourse' was the one event I was most happy about because it's completely new, and competitors seemed to enjoy it the most as well. Of course, everybody loves the 'Jeopardy' competition, too, but 'Parcourse' was the best per the critiques."

Meyer said a new eligibility rule to compete was put in place this year. "One member had to be a DLIFLC basic graduate in the language in which they were competing," she said. "Unfortunately, that proved to be a hindrance to some Reserve Component units who only recruit native speakers. Overall though, I felt the games ran very smoothly. Billeting was no problem with the respective competitors' units taking care of that, while we took care of issuing the non-availability statements. The scoring could've been faster, but we wanted to be accurate, and I think the competitors liked the electronic posting of scores at the Weckerling.

"So much energy went into the games," she continued. "It was very challenging, and I can honestly say that I've worked longer hours when deployed to Saudi Arabia, but not necessarily harder hours. Tons of planning and weekly meetings went into the competition, and it is amazing what was accomplished. I think the toughest thing about the games was not stepping on too many toes, and the best thing was meeting the competitors that I had heard about for so long, and watching them enjoy the games.

"The best advice I have for next year's coordinator would be to adhere to timelines," she noted. "I've been working on a comprehensive continuity book based on the previous three years of Worldwide Language Olympics along with this year's competition, and I think that will help in assisting future coordinators with their work."

Wet, damp weather forced both the opening ceremony on May 4, and the closing ceremony on May 8, to be held at the Tin Barn. Assistant Commandant of DLIFLC, Col. Eugene Beauvais, gave opening remarks prior to introducing opening ceremony guest speaker, Brigadier Gen. John Wilkinson, associate assistant administrator for the Center for Economic Growth, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.

"First, I'd like to send out kudos to the 311th Training Squadron for being the sponsoring unit of this year's games, and specifically to Master Sergeant Meyer and Technical Sergeant Stewart for being coordinators of the resident and VTT games," Wilkinson said. "Best of luck to each and everyone of you this

week and have fun. You're the best of the best, and you're all winners just for being here. Being a little biased, I have to say, Go Air Force!"

After Wilkinson spoke, Beauvais proclaimed, "Let the games begin!"

After a week of cerebral games (with some running tossed into the "Parcourse" competition for good measure), teams were awarded first, second and third place trophies in their respective target languages in the six categories competitions were held. Additionally, first, second and third place teams were awarded trophies in the overall competition. (See standings below).

During the closing ceremony, Devlin talked about his main mission. "I have one mission: produce military linguists for the Defense Department," he said. "When I came here in 1996, there was talk of eliminating the Tin Barn. But you can see, it's still here and playing an important part of all linguists' training at DLIFLC, especially with the way 'Mother Nature' has been acting of late.

"This year, we are producing more and more linguists with 2/2/2 or 2/2/3 proficiency skills in listening, reading and speaking," he noted. "This year, we invited Worldwide Language Olympics participants to talk with the initial entry service members in the classroom and tell them about your real world experiences. We appreciate this."

Guest speaker Maj. Gen. David Ohle, assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel, talked about how terrific the Worldwide Language Olympics are. "Whenever I'm traveling outside the continental United States, Foreign Area Officers or linguists are always the first to greet me, followed by American ambassadors," he mentioned. "Linguists know the language. Ambassadors say take care of the FAOs and linguists and get them promoted. Now, FAOs and linguists have a more direct route of getting promoted because I redesigned the Army Officer Personnel Management System to improve it and make promotions better.

"For linguists, get your translations right the first time because you make a difference on the front lines," Ohle said. "The Defense Department has 10,000 linguists. Be proud of your military service. As linguists, you are the cream of the crop, and strive to be better. Train your subordinates with your knowledge, and always practice your language skills. Congratulations to not only all the winners today, but to every competitor in this year's Language Olympics."

After Ohle spoke, the presentation of awards was held prior to Devlin making the official announcement that the games were closed for 1998.

"I feel honored and have a sense of accomplishment just being here," said Air Force Master Sgt. Jay Hart of Fort Gordon Regional Signal Intelligence Operations Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Hart was a Persian-Farsi military language instructor here from 1993 to 1996 and has been in the Air Force for 14 years. He says



Linguists compete in “Parcourse,” a modified version of the “Verbal Relay” competition, which combines job-related skills with physical competition. According to student critiques, “Parcourse” was the favorite competition during the Worldwide Language Olympics.

he went through his basic course here in 1984. “I love this area, and it is nice being back for a week. I’ve had a great time and really enjoyed myself and the experience. I think the Air Force 311th did a super job and that overall, everything ran smoothly. I’m impressed by the effort that went into the games – they put a lot of hard work into the competition. This is also a good opportunity for DLI to show what it can do with its language learning technology. I mean, look at how the scores continue to increase each and every year in reading, listening and speaking. It’s good that DLI receives all the local media attention because it is a fine Institute.”

Hart’s team did very well too. He and his partner, Army Spc. Nick Popescu, took first place honors with a gold medal performance in the Persian-Farsi competition.

“I competed last year as well,” Popescu said. “It is something that I look forward to every year, and it is a great honor to secure a spot on our unit’s Language Olympics team and represent my service, my organization and the Fort Gordon Joint Language Center Facility. It is exciting to be out here competing with and against such talented linguists. I really enjoyed the ‘Parcourse’ competition. It has changed for the better from last year’s ‘Verbal Relay.’ I thought the Air Force went out of their way to put information out as accurately and quickly as possible. They put out an excellent effort and were very successful. Obviously, it isn’t that easy to put together, and not many people would want to take all that responsibility. I’m sure that in the end, the games were as rewarding for them as they were to us as competitors.”

Army Pfc. Monett James, competing in her first Language Olympics, and her teammate Army Staff Sgt. Samuel Guadalupe,

competing in his third games, said they would both try and come back next year to defend their gold medal performance in the Spanish competition. Besides taking top honors in that language, they had a sterling, (as in silver), performance in the overall team competition finishing as runners-up. They represented Bravo Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.

“It’s always a thrill to come here and compete,” said Guadalupe. “I was very happy with our performance and of course, it’s always nice to come to beautiful Monterey. The Air Force did a great job sponsoring as well, and I like the new twist they added with ‘Parcourse’ replacing the old ‘Verbal Relay.’”

“This was fun and a good learning experience,” said Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Sean Stevens, a Korean linguist from Naval Security Group Activity, Misawa, Japan. Stevens was a student at DLI from February 1995 to July 1996. “It is good to talk to other military linguists and hear about how they maintain their language proficiency and how they apply that to their everyday working environment and how it compares to our proficiency levels. As far as the competition goes, my teammate and I finished in the middle of the pack. I just feel lucky to have been sent here. At the opening ceremony when I looked around, I didn’t see too many white uniforms. It struck me then that there wasn’t but a handful of sailors competing in the games. It showed me how very operational we are as Navy linguists and of course therein lies the priorities.”

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David Jenuwine, a Chinese linguist also stationed at NSGA Misawa, said being back in Monterey was like a homecoming. “You learn to appreciate being back here a lot more after being here in the past,” he said. “It’s kind of like a pilgrimage or a trip to Mecca. I was happy when I received the news I would be coming back to participate in the games and I had a great week. It sure gives linguists incentives to keep their language proficiency levels high to meet the criteria to be eligible to come here and compete.”

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Trevor Nagle, a Russian linguist with NSGA Misawa, was a student at DLI from January 1995 to January 1997. “It is great to be back here in Monterey but not necessarily DLI,” he said. “It was a very humbling experience with fierce competition. However, it was fun and a good learning experience and hey, we didn’t finish last. The Air Force ran the competition smoothly and did a good job with all aspects of the logistics.”

Another sailor, Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin Crenshaw, a Chinese linguist also with NSGA Misawa, said he liked the “Parcourse” competition but not the “What’s my job” games. “In ‘Parcourse,’ you were able to use some athletic skills and not just your mind totally while interacting with your teammate and utiliz-

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ing teamwork," he noted. "It wasn't that easy, but it was fun and competitive. On the other hand, I was blown away by the 'What's my job' competition. It was very difficult and our very first event. The audio was tough to follow, listening to a video tape. I also had a tough time with 'Get the Point.' It was just an extremely tough competition and to me, it felt too much like a Defense Language Proficiency Test."

Stevens said if he could make an improvement, it would be to add different levels of competition in categories such as time in service and DLPT scores. "The level of competition is extremely high for any entry level or basic class graduate as compared to participants from let's say an On-Site Inspection Agency with 15 to 20 years of service," he said. "Many commands are more serious about competing here while operational commands with real life missions have less time to devote to global studies as compared to non-operational commands."

However, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Cunningham, a Russian linguist with NSGA Misawa, disagreed with Stevens. "The Language Olympics should be uniform, and all contestants should be held to the same standards of excellence," he said. "I feel honored and like a winner just being here representing my command considering how expensive it was for them to send me here from Misawa."

Cunningham wasn't alone in his assessment of feeling good about participating in the games while representing NSGA Misawa. Stevens, Jenuwine, Nagle and Crenshaw all concurred with him on his statements.

The five sailors said they also did some recruiting while in the area. They talked to students of the Naval Security Group Detachment Monterey about NSGA Misawa and what happens and what to expect out in the real Navy in real world job operations for Cryptologic Technicians (Interpretive).



Students listen to their target languages through headsets during the "Get the Point" competition.

Meyer said there were several people to thank in assisting her as 1998 Worldwide Language Olympics coordinator. "I'd like to thank Technical Sergeant Stewart of the 311th who coordinated the VTT competition as well as Staff Sergeant Johnny Renner who was the resident games assistant coordinator," Meyer said. "I'd also like to thank Sergeant Major Ronald Anderson, who was representing the Provost and was a driving force in keeping the game development and execution on track. He also developed the scoring program for this year's games. Additionally, a thank you to all the game developers as well as to Ron Nelson, and Captain Nussberger. Both helped out in every single aspect of the games and ran interference when needed."

"At the Command Language Program Managers meeting yesterday, I told them that the games would be run perfectly next year because the Marines, with Gunnery Sergeant Volling leading the way, will be the sponsoring service," she said.

AWARD WINNERS — Arabic: First, 376th Military Intelligence Battalion; second, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.; third, 101st Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas

Chinese-Mandarin: First, 694th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, Md.; second, 703rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Kunia Regional Signal Intelligence Operations Center, Kunia, Hawaii; third, 390th Intelligence Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan

Korean: First, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Yongsan, South Korea; second, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Essayons, South Korea; third, 524th Military Intelligence Battalion, Yongsan, South Korea

Persian-Farsi: First, Fort Gordon RSOC, Fort Gordon, Ga.; second, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Meade, Md.; third, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Russian: First, On-Site Inspection Agency, Washington, D.C.; second, OSIA #2, Hill Air National Guard, Utah; third, 101st Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Spanish: First, Bravo Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.; second, 210th Aviation Regiment; third, Medina RSOC, Medina Annex, San Antonio, Texas

Overall Team Winners: First, OSIA, Washington, D.C.; second, Bravo Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.; third, OSIA #1, Hill ANG, Utah.



DLIFLC students excel in annual speech contest

By Meei-Jin Hurtt
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Asian School I

Another triumph for the Chinese Departments, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. Each year, our students compete in the Chinese Language Association of California Mandarin Speech Contest against college and university students. The association held its 23rd annual Mandarin Speech Contest, April 25, at Washington High School in San Francisco. Twenty-seven students from the Chinese Departments A and B registered for the competition. Nineteen of them were among the final competitors, and 10 of them received awards. More than 420 students competed in the contest, the largest of its kind in California, from 27 schools ranging from elementary schools to universities.

The contest consisted of a five-minute speech delivered in Chinese, composed by each contestant. Contestants were judged on accuracy in pronunciation, tones, fluency, delivery and content. All DLI students participated in Division IV for college and university students. The 10 DLI award recipients are **Airman 1st Class Shera Masterson**, first place in the fourth year second semester level; **Airman 1st Class James Hornage**, third place, **Airman 1st Class Sara Nickell** and **Airman 1st Class Brian Simon**, honorable mention in the third year second semester level; **Airman 1st Class Jamie Blankenship**, first place, **Airman 1st Class Timothy Jackson**, second place and **Airman 1st Class James Machado**, honorable mention in the third year first semester level; **Pfc. Craig Linde**, second place in the second year first semester level; **Pvt. James Helco**, first place in the first year second semester level; and **Pfc. Perry Goldman**, second place in the first year first semester level.

Both instructors and students of the Chinese Departments have participated in



Winners are (back row from left) Airmen 1st Class James Hornage, Sara Nickell and Brian Simon and Pfc. Craig Linde, (front row) Pfc. Perry Goldman, Airmen 1st Class James Machado, Timothy Jackson, Jamie Blankenship, Shera Masterson, and Pvt. James Helco. (Photo by Jim Villareal)

this annual competition for many years. It has been exciting to see the number of student participants grow from three in 1996 to 19 in 1998. I credit such an increase to the encouragement and dedication of the team instructors. Many team instructors coached their students through the competition and accompanied them to the event. They are Eunice Chen, Ming Jung Chen, Dr. Kuei Lan Chen, Yuanzhang Chen, Yuanling Cho, Bihui Fang, Chenyuan Jia, Paolan Lee, Patrick Lin, Suling Lin, Baoqin Shen, George Wang, Rosanna Wang, Daiwen Xiao, Dr. Jieli Zhao and I. Eunice Chen, Ming Jung Chen, Dr. Kuei Lan Chen, George Wang and I also served as judges in the elementary school, middle school and high school divisions.


The 19 DLIFLC final competitors were Seaman Valerie Carrell, Airman 1st Class Alisia Lord and Masterson, class CM00397; Hornage, Nickell and Simon, class CM00497; Blankenship, Jackson, Machado, Airmen 1st Class Virginia Gould, David Sadoski and Laurie Stroman, class CM00597; Lt. Dorothy Buckley, class CM00697; Linde, Airman 1st Class Vincente Martinez and Capt. Thomas Sands, class CM00797; Helco and Pfc. Erich Keough, class CM00398; and Goldman, class CM00498.

The participants said this competition was a unique learning experience,

both challenging and meaningful.

Goldman said that at the beginning he was apprehensive about competing with Chinese students from all over California, since he only had studied Chinese for two months. Yet he did so well and finished second in the contest. He was excited to see so many people shared the interest in learning the spoken Chinese language. To him, especially as a beginner, this experience reinforced his desire to learn and improve his speaking ability.

Helco, three months into the DLIFLC course, finished first in his group. He said this contest gave him a chance to see where he stood in his language learning compared to students who have been studying over a longer period of time. Although it was difficult, it was a good confidence builder and a great way for him to gauge his progress in the language. All the participants valued this experience tremendously.

It was a wonderful feeling at the award ceremony to see the teachers applaud their students and the students cheer for their classmates and comrades, including students competing against each other. Chinese Departments A & B are very proud of the DLI participants' outstanding performance. Peter Armbrust, dean of the Asian School I, sent his warm congratulations to all the teachers and the students who took part in this event. 



Pvt. 2 Richard Gifaldi aims a claymore landmine during Army common skills testing. (Photos by Lorraine C.K. Berry)

DLIFLC soldiers complete common skills testing



Pvt. 2 Jacob Mensing (left) and Pvt. 2 Cabrina Flanagan don their chemical protective gear during Army common skills testing May 9.

By Sgt. 1st Class John Berry
Arabic student

Throwing grenades was a pleasant distraction one recent May weekend for a Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center soldier who usually spends seven hours a day in class and four more at home absorbing the Russian language.

"It's a nice change of routine," Spec. Paul Levine said after launching a few baseball-sized grenade casings at a helpless human silhouette 35-meters away. "It takes a little while to adjust into the physical mode from the language mode."

Levine was among 140 soldiers and noncommissioned officers from the Army's 229th Military Intelligence Battalion who spent May 9 applying and scoring basic soldiering skills on an empty field behind the Price Fitness Center. Army students at the DLIFLC, although learning demanding languages their ser-

vice needs for its intelligence community, are required to test at least annually in the skills required of soldiers.

About 90 soldiers were tested in 26 skills ranging from map reading to the M-16 rifle. They rotated among 10 stations -- each complete with camouflage netting pitched into shade-bearing tents -- staffed with 50 NCOs and soldiers from Delta Company, sponsors of the training.

"Some of them don't have an athletic background. Throwing a grenade is a challenge," said Staff Sgt. Mike Harrison, a Persian-Farsi student and supervisor of a station involving three grenade-related tasks. "But they're trying hard. Most of them hit (the target)."

Specialists James Dunlap and Rustin Evans, both Arabic students from Bravo Company, "blew up" their targets with their initial throws. Like several other soldiers training that day, the two said common skills reinforces what's needed to win wars.

"The classroom is relaxed. This is

more formal,” said Pvt. Jacob Mensing, his voice muffled by a rubber chemical mask covering all of his head and shoulders. “The classroom is academic. This is hands-on training.”

And hands-on it was. Each station -- less the explosives -- was armed with the props needed to make training feel realistic. Soldiers crawled on their bellies to aim their Claymore land mines. They stuffed their bodies into thick chemical suits, and they applied the first aid needed to save the life of a simulated “wounded” soldier.

Successful completion of common-skills testing means trainees win the privilege of choosing their own bed times as well as traveling beyond the confines of Monterey on weekends. It’s also the gateway to more challenging training, such as road marches and obstacle courses.

Delta Company spent weeks coordinating all the equipment and people needed to make Common Skills Test tasking a “go” in the mind of 1st Lt. Luis Acevedo, the company’s executive officer. He said most of the 50 soldiers and NCOs needed to make the weekend training day a reality had volunteered their time.

“NCOs are running the show,” said Acevedo, looking at a field full of trainers and trainees. “Without them, we couldn’t have gone anywhere.”

One of those NCOs was Staff Sgt. Steven Young, an infantryman by trade and Delta Company’s training NCO. He said trainers spent four hours prepping for skills testing in addition to another eight, beginning at 6 a.m. on training day.

“I’m an 11B (infantryman). I like this stuff,” said Young, clipboard in hand. “But it’s the professionalism of all these NCOs at all these stations that makes this work.”

Unlike the other companies filled with relatively inexperienced soldiers from basic training, Delta Company’s 295 soldiers

and officers are “careerists,” meaning they have already served the military at previous assignments.

Like Delta Company, Echo Company is also filled with careerists. Both companies provide the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion with the bulk of its experienced soldiers and are routinely tapped to provide people to satisfy training requirements. Each company manages common skills testing about six times a year.

May 9 was the third time Spc. Sean Oliver had tested soldiers on their basic skills -- despite only being stationed in Monterey for six months. He said he volunteers because he wants to help his company and train soldiers.

“We’re short on permanent party soldiers,” Oliver said while testing soldiers on their grenade throws. “Us helping out ... it takes a load off their back.”

Delta Company has only six full-time cadre, so it has no alternative but to rely

on students meandering through Russian, Persian-Farsi and Arabic, among the most complex languages taught at DLIFLC.

“I tell them it’s an investment in tomorrow’s Army,” Delta Company 1st Sgt. Michael Cuneo said about the training. “It can’t happen without the dedication of the NCOs -- who continue to show impressively high morale while working on a foreign language. It makes me proud of the NCO corps.”

Berry is an Army reservist with the 138th Military Intelligence Company, an Army Reserve fixed wing radio-direction finding aerial exploitation unit in Orlando, Fla. He is currently assigned to Delta Company. In civilian life, he is a staff writer with the News-Press in Fort Myers, Fla. His wife, Lorraine, who took photos for the story, is a part-time English professor at Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula colleges.



Spc. Paul Levine throws a grenade casing at a silhouette enemy target set up 35 meters from his position.

Volunteers help celebrate Christmas in April

DLIFLC students and staff assist local community in national home renovation project

**By Army Capt. Scott Nestler
Naval Postgraduate School student and
Co-chairman National Rebuilding Day
Christmas in April-Monterey/Salinas**

Nearly 200 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students and staff members recently assisted a local community-service agency in renovating homes on the Monterey Peninsula.

For the third consecutive year, DLIFLC has provided nearly half of the total pool of volunteers to "Christmas in April — Monterey/Salinas" for National Rebuilding Day, the last Saturday in April of each year.

"Christmas in April — Monterey/Salinas" is the local affiliate of "Christmas in April-USA," a national, non-profit organization working in partnership with communities to rehabilitate homes of low-



In one step of the renovation process, Lt. Cmdr. Barry Phillips and Petty Officer 3rd Class Adrian Lopez remove nails from the side of the building.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Olivia Pittman (left) and Seaman Joseph Adams, both assigned to the Naval Security Group Detachment, complete some rooftop repairs.

income, disabled and elderly people. The goal of the organization is to keep people living in warmth, safety and independence. The organization was founded in 1972 in Midland, Texas, and now includes more than 255 affiliates working in 600 cities and towns located in all 50 states.

On April 25, over 200,000 volunteers rehabilitated more than 6,000 homes and non-profit facilities across the nation as part of National Rebuilding Day. The local chapter coordinated the efforts of 450 volunteers in rehabilitating eight homes in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside and Salinas. Local businesses, community organizations and individuals donated approxi-

mately \$50,000 in cash and materials to “Christmas in April — Monterey/Salinas” for use in the renovation projects.

DLIFLC volunteers included students and staff members from various organizations. The Naval Security Group Detachment provided 120 volunteers. This is the second year their participation has been coordinated by Petty Officer 2nd Class Cruz Lopez, who works in the mailroom. Other volunteers included approximately 25 each from the following units: 311th Training Squadron (Air Force); Marine Corps Detachment; Foxtrot Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion (Army).



Seaman Amber Hammond, Naval Security Group Detachment, makes her contribution to the project by painting the eaves of a house.



Seaman Chris Tufnell, who joined the nearly 200 DLIFLC members volunteering for “Christmas in April,” works on some tree-trimming in the yard of one of the properties.

Golfers support Army Emergency Relief Fund

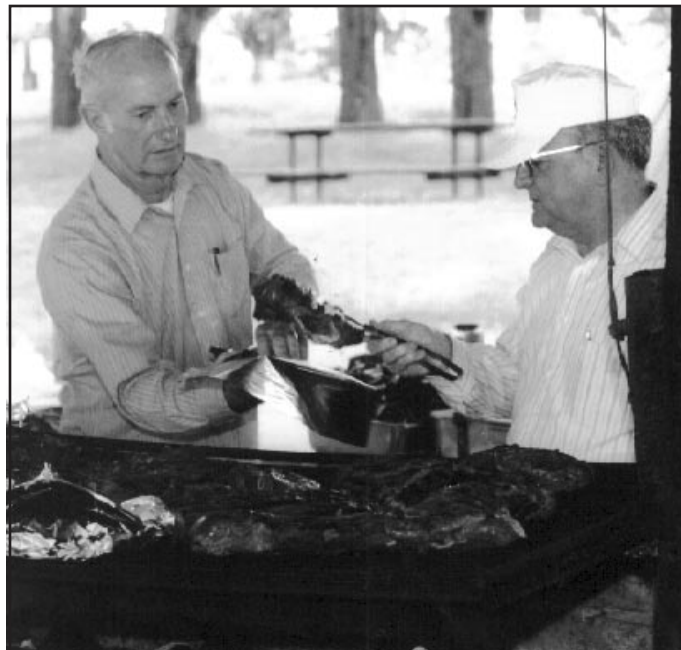
Story and photos by Bob Britton

They conquered obstacles such as thick rough, trees, sand traps, water hazards, wind and rain, hidden holes and doglegs right or left. Their mission: hitting a small white ball with the fewest strokes with either a wood or iron club into 18 holes at the Naval Postgraduate School Golf Course May 2.

Forty-four golfers, mostly military retirees, participated in the 10th Annual Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. Active duty players from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center included Brett Holder, a Chinese-Mandarin student, and Don Haddix, a Persian-Farsi linguist.

"I've been coordinating these E-9 Association annual AER golf tournaments for the past 10 years, and it is great to help out active-duty people," said Chuck Hopper, the event's driving force and a past president of the association. "After expenses, we anticipate donating \$2,000 to AER from this year's event. AER supports active-duty soldiers and families, military retirees, widows and widowers. During the past 10 years, our association has donated more than \$25,000 to AER. The tournament went real good, and the golf people who support us are outstanding."

When the Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association sponsored



Benn Murray and Joe Garbin cook the barbecue meat on the outdoor grill in the picnic area of the Naval Postgraduate School Golf Course.



Bernie Tacheny follows through on his tee shot on the fourth hole during the tournament.

its first AER golf tourney in 1989, it donated \$500. Here's the breakdown for the other years' donations: \$4,500 in 1990; \$4,000 in 1991; \$3,500 in 1992; \$3,000 in 1993; \$1,500 in 1994 when Fort Ord closed; \$1,500 in 1995; \$2,000 in 1996; \$2,750 in 1997, which includes a \$750 grant from the Pebble Beach Company; and \$2,000 in 1998. The overall total came to \$25,250.

Keeping with past tradition, several local businesses or associations sponsored holes during the event. Afterward, players and non-players enjoyed a tri-tip, chicken and ribs barbecue cooked by retirees Benn Murray, Sam Daniels and Joe Garbin. Association president Joe Rodriguez raised extra money for the Army Emergency Relief Fund by selling refreshments.

While the golfers enjoyed the barbecue, association members Mike Pablo and Dick Darvey tallied up the scorecards to determine winners. Awards went to the top five players with the lowest gross scores and the lowest net scores, or actual scores minus handicaps.

The top five low-gross winners were Dennis Carvalho, Bob Hammel, John Onomoto, Bernie Tacheny, and Dick Paland. Winners in the low-net category included Leon Horne, Steve Shepp, Bruce Shriver, L.E. Richardson and Hank Barnett. These golfers received free rounds of golf and greens fees from different local area golf courses.



Air Force #2 gridiron team holds off Bravo Company, wins Presidio of Monterey flag-football championship

Story and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen

Rallying from a 6-0 halftime deficit in the 1998 Presidio of Monterey Flag Football Championship game, the Air Force #2 "Screamin' Eagles" squad scored two second half touchdowns and then held off a hard-charging Bravo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, drive late in the title game to defeat the defending champions, 13-6. The game was held April 4 at the POM Annex football field. Bravo Company won the championship in 1997 with a 24-6 victory over Delta Company.

This day belonged to the Air Force team however. In a season which began in November and ran into spring because of several games that were washed out by monsoons, Air Force used the philosophy on defense of 'bend but do not break.' And no more evident was that cliché than late in the game with Bravo driving for a possible tying score.

Holding a narrow 7-6 lead and facing a fourth down and one yard to go for a first down with only one minute and 54 seconds left in the game, Air Force went to its talented running back Christopher Birch on a toss sweep play. Birch not only got the one yard he needed for the first down but the additional 19 yards that took him into the end zone for a touchdown to give the airmen a 13-6 lead. The point after attempt was no good.

Air Force then kicked off to Bravo and turned the game over to its defense. With one minute 28 seconds left, Bravo launched a pass that looked like a sure interception. However, the deflection went right through the hands of an Air Force defender and into the Bravo receiver's arms. Two more big yardage



Air Force #2 running back Christopher Birch spins his way for big yardage along the Air Force #2 sideline during second quarter action.

receptions had Bravo at the Air Force two-yard line with 44 seconds remaining in the game. Looking for paydirt for a possible tie, the Bravo quarterback's passes on first and second down fell incomplete. On third down, his pass was intercepted by defensive back Garrett Michael on an outstanding play to seal the championship victory. The pick-off was Michael's second of the game. Air Force ran one more offensive play to run out the clock and the title was theirs.

"That goal line stand at the two-yard line, well, wow! What more can I say about that? I used our last time out and basically told the defense that the season came down to the last yards and to get focused and stay focused," said Air Force #2 coach Anthony Nash, an airman 1st class studying Serbian/Croatian. "I had confidence in them and figured they would hold the Bravo offense because they've come up big all season for us."

Both teams moved the ball up and

down the field within the 20-yard lines during the game but for the most part were unable to penetrate inside the red zones when both defenses stiffened. Capitalizing on an Air Force interception on the opening drive of the game, Bravo opened the scoring on an option run by their back to take an early 6-0 lead. The point after attempt was no good, and the score stood 6-0 in favor of Bravo Company at halftime.

Air Force took the second half kickoff and drove down the field culminating in a nifty 22-yard run by Birch on a dive option run. The point after try by Anthony Szekely was good, giving Air Force a 7-6 lead which they never relinquished.

"Our game plan for success during both the regular season and tournament was good preparation, win the turnover battle, and make good adjustments during the game," said Nash, also the team's of-

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fensive coordinator. "By reducing turnovers, obviously, we could maintain possession of the ball and run time off the clock. Basically, our philosophy was to try and get an early lead and then suffocate the opposing team with our defense."

Nash said the team's first order of business at the beginning of the season was to build into a championship squad. "We felt anything less would be unacceptable," he noted. "I'm not sure how many of our players felt at the beginning of the year we would be champions, but they sure believed and knew we were at the end."

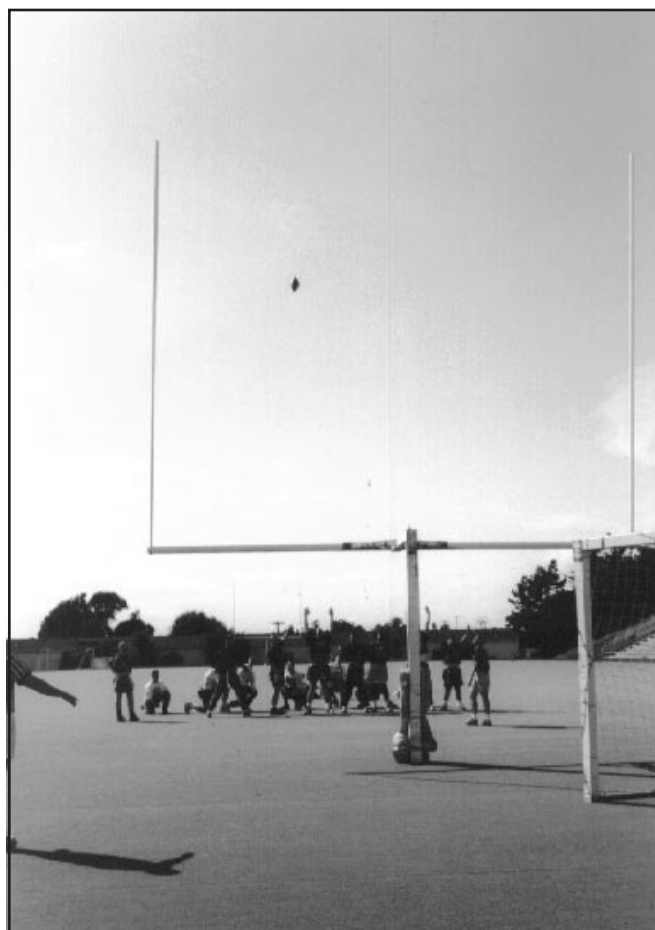
Air Force #2 lost its regular season opener before reeling off seven victories in a row. "I think the turning point in our season was the back-to-back losses we sustained to the Marines and the Air Force #1 teams just prior to the playoffs," he mentioned. "Those two losses were a wake up call and close games we should've won. We got to a peak during our seven-game winning streak, specifically during a 40-0 rout of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, where we mainly just ran the ball and were pounding them. Then we sort of coasted a bit before picking up the play-off intensity. We were a talented team, and I think the most physically talented team in the league. If we hadn't won the championship, it would've been a great disappointment. It was awfully interesting there at the end though – too close! A finish like that really gets your heart pumping and the adrenaline flowing. It's easy to look back on it now and be happy, because it was the picture-perfect finish with our smallest guy intercepting the pass and taking it away from their biggest player."

"I have to give a lot of credit for our title game victory to our assistant

coaches," Nash noted. "When we were down 6-0 at halftime, our defensive coordinator Barry Simmons made some great adjustments. Actually, we trailed in two out of our three playoff games at half-time and always made superb adjustments. I'm not patting myself on the back, but I'd really like to thank the coaching staff — both Barry and our special teams coach Thad Williams did outstanding jobs. We had very good coaching and direction. I tell you though, at the end of the season, it was tough motivating the players because of how long it ran. The players were basically burnt out on football. We got it done though and worked hard. It was an excellent ending and a storybook finish against Bravo Company — as good a game as we had all season. They were a very good and physical team, and I was obviously very happy when it was all over with."

Nash made a slight adjustment just prior to the playoffs. "We went to a shorter passing game with our quarterback Dana Plouck throwing more screen passes and more running from Birch, who is a fine athlete," he said. "That decision was based upon our defense. We never would've made that move if we didn't have the confidence in the defense."

Finishing in fourth place with a record of eight wins and three losses during the regular season, Nash said his team



Air Force #2 kicker Anthony Szekely boots the point after attempt through the goal post's uprights giving Air Force #2 a 7-6 lead — one they would never relinquish.

was able to get even in the playoffs with two of the three teams they were defeated by during the year. Air Force #2 thumped Echo Company 26-7 in its first game of the single-elimination tournament. The team then avenged its regular season loss to the Marines, 19-7. This win put them in the title game where they matched up with Bravo Company and extracted revenge with the 13-6 triumph. Bravo Company earned their ticket to the championship game with victories over Alpha Company and Delta Company respectively.

"After defeating the Marines, we had two weeks off before the champion-

**PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY 1998 FLAG FOOTBALL
REGULAR SEASON FINAL TEAM STANDINGS**

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>TIED</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
MCD	10	1	0	.909	-
Bravo Co.	9	1	1	.900	.5
Air Force #1	7	2	0	.778	2
Air Force #2	8	3	0	.727	2
Echo Co.	7	3	0	.700	2.5
Delta Co.	6	4	0	.600	3.5
NSGD	3	5	1	.375	5.5
Alpha Co.	3	6	0	.333	6
Foxtrot Co.	3	7	0	.300	6.5
HHC	3	7	0	.300	6.5
Charlie Co.	0	10	0	.000	9.5
NPS	0	10	0	.000	9.5

ship game, but that was par for the course of the entire season with the downpours and the way it dragged out," he noted. "We also lost eight starting players from the beginning of the season to injuries and transfers. However, that was something we just had to deal with.

"We really wanted to play the Air Force #1 team in the playoffs and get revenge, but they were knocked out in the opening round," Nash said. "We had more talent but simply lost to them during the season because we didn't execute."

According to Nash, the three losses during the season were by a combined total of eight points. "We lost the opener to Bravo 17-14 on a field goal with 12 seconds remaining in the game," he recalled. "The Marines beat us 35-32, but we avenged that loss in the playoffs as well. The loss that hurt the most was to the other Air Force team, 14-12. We had a very good rivalry going there with the entire 311th Training Squadron split on which team they were supporting. As I said earlier, I felt we were more talented but that we took them lightly and underestimated them somewhat."

Nash said the strength of his team came from its excellent quickness on both sides of the ball. "We had speed and a good ground game to go with a stifling and swarming defense that created lots of turnovers," he said.

Twenty-two players, two assistant coaches who also played, and Nash himself made up the roster of the team. "We were all airmen 1st class except for our kicker who was a senior airman," he said. "We were very competitive with great football mentalities and a good teamwork ethic. We practiced three times per week, and we had a handful of players with actual college football experience.

"I'd like to thank all of our fans who came out and supported us," Nash said. "It was much appreciated. I'd like to give a special thank you to all the wives and girlfriends, specifically to Marie Simmons, Wendy Szekely and my fiancée, Pvt. 2 Bethany Clough.

"It was a very good championship game between two excellent teams," said DLIFLC Athletic Director Dave Fickel. "We finally were able to conclude the season, considering how long it ran due to El Nino causing several games to be rained-out during the course of the year."



Defensive back/punt returner Garrett Michael breaks a long punt return down the Bravo sideline. Michael had a big game with two key interceptions and this punt return.

DLIFLC basketball season ends



Echo Company 6'6" center Jeff Cohen muscles his way inside for two of his game high 22 points. Echo Company downed Air Force #2, 55-49, April 14 to finish a perfect 13-0.

Echo Company caps off perfect hoops season by winning championship title

Story and photo by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen

Echo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, downed Air Force #2 by a 55-49 count to wrap up the 1998 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Basketball championship April 14 at Price Fitness Center. The victory put the exclamation point on a perfect 13-0 season for the soldiers.

Led by the inside power of 6'6" Jeff Cohen's 16 first-half points, Echo held a 10-point advantage at the half, 34-24.

In the second half, Echo withstood two late charges by the Air Force to hold onto the win. The key to thwarting the charges were clutch baskets from Echo player/coach Darrin Bovia, a sergeant and Korean student, who incidentally was celebrating his birthday as well. "Teams are going to get hot and have runs," Bovia said. "There is nothing a team can really do about it but just weather and withstand those runs. I was very surprised at meeting Air Force #2 in the title game after beating them pretty bad a few days before the championship. I would like to give them a lot of credit though. They played a good game, showed heart and effort after we beat them by 24, and made it a lot closer contest than I thought it would be."

Bovia said his team's success was in understanding that Air Force #2 had to beat his team twice. "After going undefeated during the regular season at 10-0 and then winning our first two games of the tournament, we had confidence in ourselves that we would win the game," he said. "We wanted to establish an early lead and let the Air Force expend their energy. Basically, we played as we have all season – very steady with no highs or lows – typically good solid Echo basketball. We were consistent and steady all season, and we never had any doubts in ourselves or

that we could win the title.

"I was very pleased because we stuck to our game plan and that was getting the ball down low to Cohen and taking advantage of our size differential over the Air Force squad," he noted. "We have very good shooters from the outside, so we concentrated on mainly getting the ball inside and using the size.

"In this league with players at 6'6" like Cohen and even myself at 6'0", you can have interchangeable pieces," he mentioned. "When Cohen would need a breather, I would fill in for him at center. All of our players could and did play different positions often. With only seven players on the team, that was a bonus when subbing was needed for breathers. We had good team chemistry and all got along great.

"Obviously, it's always good to win, however, when you are expected to win as we were, it makes it much harder," he said. "I don't think many people thought the title game would be as close as it was because of how we beat them earlier in the tourney. That afforded Air Force #2 to play loose, and I think that helped them tremendously. It's different when you're sitting on the top and every team is out to knock you down from the top."

Bovia, a native of Las Vegas, Nev., played two years of college ball as a guard. He played one year at the University of Nevada at Reno and another year at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. He felt the game against Delta Company in which his team escaped with a 46-38 overtime win, was the key win of the year. "We probably should've lost that game," he said. "It was by far our worse game of the season, and I think the only reason we pulled it out was that Delta started to celebrate just a little bit too early. We forced the overtime and then won it. Nobody played us that close all season for the most part."

In the championship game, Jeff Cohen had a game high 22 points to lead the Echo team. Bovia added 16, Shawn Harkins had nine and point guard Calvin Townsend finished with eight points.

Samuel Cruz led the Air Force #2 team with 14 points. Tyler Crawford had 10, Coach James Hornage had nine, and Daniele Ard added eight points.

Echo began its march to the championship with a 46-38 win over Delta Company. They then bested Alpha Company #2 by a 56-43 count. This set up what was to be a preliminary of the championship game but a lot more one-sided with Echo blasting the Air Force #2 team by a final score of 53-29.

Air Force #2 opened up the tourney by edging the Marine

Corps #1 team, 37-35. They then won another tight game, 47-45 over Alpha Company #1 before being scorched by Echo Company by 24 points. The airmen rebounded strong however with a solid 56-44 win over Alpha Company #2 before dropping the hard fought title contest 55-49 in the double elimination tournament.

Bovia thought there were a number of reasons for Echo's success throughout the season. "We were strong inside and could shoot from outside. We played tough defense and were in better basketball shape than other teams," he said. "We had seven players who understood the game and played within their limits. We are all experienced players which makes it easy to go out and play the game. We didn't make a lot of turnovers, and our guys were all quick to the ball. Also, we didn't hold formal practices but rather played pick-up games to keep our edge.

"About halfway through the season, we saw only zone defenses, but we have such good shooters, and everyone on the team can shoot the three-point shot, so, we made it difficult on opposing teams," he continued. "We were good at recognizing when people were hot and getting the ball to them. The team did an outstanding job also at recognizing mismatches as far as size or quickness go. Everyone knew their roles whether to go down low or stay outside. We had a point guard like Calvin Townsend, who not only brought the ball up court but could also spot up and sometimes drive the lane, and then we had players like Cohen, Doug Gist and myself who were solid down low and could shoot from the outside as well. We drew a lot of fouls between the three of us, too.

"At the beginning of the season, I felt we could win the title and match up with any of the teams in the league," he noted. "It's hard to stay hot all season, but we seemed to take turns at having different players being in the zone and having great games all season. It was total teamwork and effort."

Bovia wanted to thank everybody who came out to Echo Company's games and supported the team throughout the season.

Echo Company players were Jeremy Bechtold, Derek Brown, Cohen, Gist, Shawn Harkins, Townsend, Robert Ryan and Bovia.

"It was a good season, and Echo Company was a tough and talented team," said DLIFLC Athletic Director Dave Fickel. "I'd also like to pass kudos along to the Air Force cheerleaders for their enthusiastic spirit at their units' ball games."



Presidio Pulse

What is the most difficult aspect of being stationed at a joint service training environment?

(Inputs compiled by and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen)



"Each service has different rules that they must follow pertaining to curfew, opposite sex visitation in dorms, driving to/from school, and smoking on post. Occasionally this will raise contention in the classroom."

Air Force Airman 1st Class Suri Jackman, Korean student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Kahului, Hawaii



"The other services seem to have different protocol. So, what you might consider inappropriate behavior/attitude is perfectly acceptable in their branch of the service."

Army Spc. Carol Yoder, Arabic student, Bravo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hometown: Tampa, Fla.



"There is nothing difficult. However, listening to the cross-service 'ribbing' is tiresome."

Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Boe, Russian student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Vancouver, Wash.



"The most difficult aspect about being stationed at a joint service training post is the unfamiliarity of the other branches of the armed forces – specifically what kind of service specific requirements the other branches have and understanding the differences in objective and job responsibility the other branches have in regards to their target language."

Army Spc. Tristan Crafts, Spanish student, Charlie Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hometown: New York, N.Y.



"Many people from each of the services here have not taken the time to learn the rank structure of the other services. This creates problems due to not knowing who to and who not to salute. Also, it creates some communication problems. Often, students don't know how to address others of a different service. No one wants to disrespect someone by saying 'hey you,' or just calling them by their last name."

Navy Seaman Kelli Robertson, Persian-Farsi Student, Naval Security Group Detachment, Hometown: Swainsboro, Ga.



"Personally, getting along with others isn't a problem with me. Rules and procedures of the other services, however, contradicts in a small part to what we are taught as what is 'good to go' or what is 'unsat.'"

Marine Corps Cpl. Jammy Stencil, Arabic graduate, Marine Corps Detachment, Hometown: Seaforth, Minn.



"Actually, it's a very rewarding experience. The most difficult aspect however, is probably trying to understand the methods used by each service in the way they treat the students while they are here. Some services put most of the emphasis on language while others incorporate a large amount of military training as well which adds to the stress for those service members."

Army Staff Sgt. Fred Wagar, Arabic Military Language Instructor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Hometown: Fargo, N.D.

Dean's Honor Roll

ARABIC

First semester

Staff Sgt. Joseph Butts
Staff Sgt. Donna Byershauser
Pfc. Dale O'Connor
Lance Cpl. Robert Pratt

Third semester

Airman 1st Class David Currier
Spc. Heather Miles
Spc. Michael Robbins
Pfc. Lisa Sanchez

CHINESE-MANDARIN

First semester

Tech. Sgt. Mark Evans
Pfc. Jason Roberts

Second semester

Spc. Thomas Adams

Third semester

Capt. Paul Haenle

CZECH

Third semester

Spc. Adam Burling
Capt. John Dumond
Spc. Keith Lundquist

FRENCH

First semester

Lt. Col. Roger Bass II
Capt. Philip Cali
Seaman Robert De Los Santos
Staff Sgt. James Fedorka
Capt. Pascal Moore
Seaman Apprentice Anica Palacios
Zella Zerger

Third semester

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Cosgriff
Lt. j.g. David Kaufman
Elise Lyons
Col. George Reed
Margaret Ryan

GREEK

Second semester

Maj. Donald Graczyk
Tech. Sgt. John McLaughlin

ITALIAN

Second semester

Capt. Scott Chowning

KOREAN

First semester

Pfc. Nathan Averett
Staff Sgt. Carl Banks
Lance Cpl. Timothy Beller
Airman 1st Class Misty Boatman
Sgt. Darrin Bovia
Seaman Shannon Burford

Maj. James Cameron

Lance Cpl. Jake Davis

Airman 1st Class John Duda

Airman 1st Class China Ellis

Staff Sgt. Todd Evans

Sgt. Daniel Fontanez

Pfc. Steven Garate

Airman 1st Class Sarah Garcia

Airman 1st Class Molli Grant

Airman 1st Class Michael McGrew

Spc. Lance Nakayama

Pvt. 2 Jared Osterhage

Sgt. Brian Peterman

Airman 1st Class Kevin Prunty

Lance Cpl. Daryl Reed

Airman 1st Class Gina Ryan

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Sabo

Sgt. Howard Scherr

Pfc. Aaron Schwarz

Spc. Stephen Warren

Pfc. Wendy Whitehead

Staff Sgt. Christopher Wilbur

Pfc. Maureen Williams

Airman 1st Class Sungmin Yi

Capt. Darrell Zemitis

Second semester

Airman 1st Class Stacey Arvik

Airman 1st Class Natasha Carbonel

Master Sgt. Robert Fraleigh

Airman 1st Class Brent Kirk

Lance Cpl. Frank Lech

Pfc. Jay Rangan

Third semester

Spc. Michael Banks

Spc. Candy Boparai

Seaman David Harrold

Airman 1st Class Amy Johns

Spc. Douglas Lancaster

Pfc. David Malcolm

Lance Cpl. Sean Nakao

Pfc. Lucila Romine

Pfc. Sean Romine

Lance Cpl. Steven Roton

Pfc. Carl Sachs

Airman 1st Class Sara Schleicher

Pfc. Andrew Scott

Senior Airman Matthew Sullivan

Pfc. William Tannler

Spc. Peter Whalen

Spc. Rebecca Williamson

GERMAN

Second semester

Lt. Nathan Smith

Capt. Kevin West

PERSIAN-FARSI

Second semester

Airman 1st Class John Brown

PORTUGUESE

Third semester

Spc. Joshua Gonzalez

Special Agent Richard Sotto

RUSSIAN

Third semester

Pfc. Brian Babcock

Seaman Andrea Cassidy

Pfc. Meghan Dendorfer

Airman 1st Class Deborah Dias

Sgt. Boguslaw Kosylak

Airman 1st Class Steven Mead

Airman 1st Class Marti Mramor

Spc. Gabriel Simonds

Spc. Jerrold Swafford

Airman 1st Class Brady Tessmer

SPANISH

Second semester

Pvt. 2 Amy Goodrich

Pfc. Juan Infante

Seaman Gerald Menoni Jr.

Maj. Edward Nagler

Lt. Col. Ronald Todd

Third semester

Pvt. 2 Kimela Budlong

Seaman Apprentice Sarah Carter

Capt. Michael Coubrough

Airman Angela Davis

Pvt. 2 Nichole Goetz

Spc. Sam Landes

Pvt. 2 Yolawnda Romero

Graduations

ARABIC

Pfc. Sherry Bartosik
Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cordell
Airman 1st Class Wendy Cremer
Airman 1st Class David Currier
Staff Sgt. Kevin Dearing
Spc. Jennifer Dixon
Pfc. Eileen Fernald
Pfc. Helen Fuentes
Airman 1st Class Barbara Harris
Spc. William Hill
Pfc. Jeffrey Hohnke
Pfc. Alessandra Juarez
Seaman Scott Marcouiller
Spc. Rebecca McCoy
Pfc. James McVey Jr.
Airman 1st Class Heather McWilliams
Spc. Heather Miles
Pfc. Cristina Miyares
Airman 1st Class Leah O'Leary
Pfc. Jennifer Pauler
Seaman Michael Petrillo
Pfc. Christina Phillips
Seaman Melissa Phillips
Capt. Theodore Polet
Spc. Sharon Purdy
Lance Cpl. Matthew Rector
Spc. Michael Robbins
Pfc. Travis Roberts
Pfc. Kellee Rogers
Airman 1st Class Celina Salgado
Pfc. Lisa Sanchez
Pfc. Christine Simpson
Pfc. Jessica Snyder
Pfc. Joshua Teeter
Airman 1st Class Margarita Toledo
Spc. Rachel Towery
Airman 1st Class Sara Wedwick
Spc. Carol Yoder
Sgt. Konrad Zabecki

CHINESE-MANDARIN

Airman 1st Class Alisia Lord
Seaman Joshua Arostegui
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On the green

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Persian-Farsi student Don Haddix follows his putt at hole #16 at the Naval Postgraduate School Golf Course May 2. Haddix was one of 44 golfers who took part in the 10th Annual Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. For more on the tournament, see story and photos page 14. *(Photo by Bob Britton)*